

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 1-26 (Canceled)

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): A method for providing pre-paid services over a radio communication network to a telecommunication device comprising a user identification circuit, the method comprising the steps of:

communicating a user identification message from the user identification circuit to the telecommunication device;

transmitting at least one service request message over the radio communication network from the user identification circuit to a service computer, wherein the at least one service request message requests allocation of at least one service;

receiving a pre-paid account status message over the radio communication network from the service computer to the user identification circuit in response to each service request message, wherein the user identification circuit evaluates the pre-paid account status message;

communicating the evaluated pre-paid account status message from the user identification circuit to the telecommunication device to allocate use of the requested service when the evaluated pre-paid account status message indicates a specific result.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 27, wherein the telecommunication device is one of a GSM device and a UMTS device.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 27, wherein the user identification circuit is one of a Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) and a UMTS Subscriber Identity Module (USIM).

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 29, wherein the service request message is generated by a command set on an application toolkit stored in one of the Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) and a UMTS Subscriber Identity Module (USIM).

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 27, wherein the at least one service request message is transmitted concurrently with the communication of the user identification message.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 27, wherein the specific result is an indication that sufficient pre-paid credit is available.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 27, wherein the service is at least one of mobile email, instant messaging, video telephony, a multimedia messaging service and a short message service.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 27, wherein and the at least one service request message contains, depending upon a type of requested service, additional data required for providing the service.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 34, wherein each service request message includes parameters for charges, depending on the type of service being requested.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 34, wherein the at least one service request message describes an order of the services requested by the radio communication terminal.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 27, further comprising the step of blocking allocation of the requested service if the evaluated pre-paid account status message does not indicate the specific result.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 27, wherein the service computer is a server.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): An apparatus that allocates pre-paid services over a radio communication network, comprising:

a telecommunication device; and

a user identification circuit, wherein the user identification circuit communicates a user identification message to the telecommunication device, and transmits at least one service request message over the radio communication network to a service computer, wherein the at least one service request message requests allocation of at least one service, and wherein the user identification circuit receives a pre-paid account status message over the radio communication network from the service computer to the user identification circuit in response to each service request message, wherein the user identification circuit evaluates the pre-paid account status message,

wherein the user identification circuit communicates the evaluated pre-paid account status message to the telecommunication device to allocate use of the requested service when the evaluated pre-paid account status message indicates a specific result.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the telecommunication device is one of a GSM device and a UMTS device.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the user identification circuit is one of a Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) and a UMTS Subscriber Identity Module (USIM).

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the service request message is generated by a command set on an application toolkit stored in one of the Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) and a UMTS Subscriber Identity Module (USIM).